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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 3721
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For: ROLL-BALER)	April 6, 2004

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please be advised of co-pending application
10/207,807 (U.S. publication 2003/0093979 A1) in the name of
the present inventors.

The role baler disclosed in this published patent
application is somewhat similar in its general construction to
the baler of the present invention, but its specific
arrangement is basically different from that of the present
invention.

Thus, the roll baler of the published application is
so constructed that the bale chamber 4 is mounted on the
machine body 1 at a position where the inlet port "a" of the
bale chamber is open frontward, and the terminal end part 3a

of the transporting conveyor 3 has a conveying surface forming an inclined surface "c" which is downwardly slanted, the inclined surface "c" being disposed at a position where it constitutes a part of the peripheral wall of the bale chamber, in opposition to the lower half side of the peripheral surface of the roll bale R to be formed within the bale chamber at the place where the inlet port "a" of the bale chamber is present.

In contrast to the above, the roll baler of the present invention is constructed such that a transporting conveyor 3 is divided into two, i.e. a hopper-side transporting conveyor 3a provided in a space extending from below the discharge port 20 defined in the bottom part of the hopper 2 over to a front position beneath the delivery mechanism 5; and a shaping-chamber-side transporting conveyor 3b provided to extend from beneath the delivery mechanism 5 to the receiving port 40 of the shaping chamber 40 so as to forward the shaping material discharged from the terminal end of the conveyor 3a by taking the same from the conveyor 3a, each of the hopper-side transporting conveyor 3a and the shaping-chamber-side transporting conveyor 3b being driven independently one from the other.

From the above, therefore, it can be readily concluded that the roll baler of the published application is in no way relevant to the roll baler of the present

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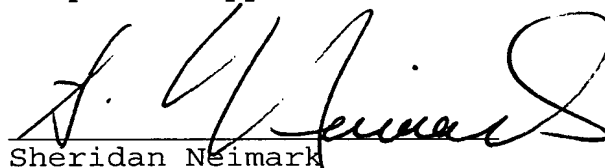
application; hence, to the best knowledge and belief of the applicants, the published co-pending application is in no way material to the present invention. Of course, the co-pending application is not prior art.

Applicants are unaware of any material information.

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